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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/893,550  
Applicant : Ravi Kanth V. Kothuri et al.  
Filed : June 29, 2001  
Title : NEAREST NEIGHBOR QUERY PROCESSING IN  
A LINEAR QUADTREE SPATIAL INDEX  
TC/A.U. : 2171  
Examiner : Brian D. Goddard  
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action issued on January 12, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.